

REMARKS

Claims 1-12, 14-38, 42-56, and 58-59, and 61 were pending in the present application. Claims 1 and 17 were amended. As a result of this amendment, Claims 1-12, 14-38, 42-56, and 58-59, and 61 are pending in the present application. Reexamination and reconsideration are requested in light of the accompanying remarks.

The rejection of claims 14, 30, and 35 under 35 U.S.C. § 112, second paragraph as being indefinite is respectfully traversed. One of skill in the art would understand the term "amide/imidazoline" to mean combinations of amides and imidazolines. Amides and imidazolines are two different groups of epoxy curing agents. Imidazolines are generally added into amides to give better adhesion to substrates; however, not all amide epoxy curing agents contain imidazolines. Thus, an epoxy curing agent from an amide may or may not contain imidazoline. See Declaration of Zakar R. Hachikian. The term has been used in a number of other patents, including U.S. Patent Nos. 6,212,756, 5,767,047, 5,681,800, and 5,658,863. Applicant respectfully requests that the rejection be withdrawn.

The rejection of 1-8, 14, 16-35, 55, and 56 under 35 U.S.C. § 112, second paragraph as being indefinite is respectfully traversed. Definiteness of claim language must be analyzed in light of: (A) The content of the particular application disclosure; (B) The teachings of the prior art; and (C) The claim interpretation that would be given by one possessing the ordinary level of skill in the pertinent art at the time the invention was made. MPEP 2173.02. With respect to claims 1 and 17, Applicants respectfully submit that one of ordinary skill in the art would understand the viscosity to be at room temperature because there was no discussion of high or low temperature conditions for the viscosity in the specification. See Declaration of Zakar R. Hachikian. Numerous U.S. patents provide viscosity data without specifying the temperature at which it was measured; for example: U.S. Patent No. 5,480,958 - col. 4, lines 56-61; col. 5, lines 21-22; col. 5, line 42 to col. 6, line 1; and col. 6, lines 25-27; U.S. Patent No. 5,516,858 - col. 13, lines 60-63; U.S. Patent No. 5,539,023 - col. 10, lines 7-9, 23-24, 38-40, and 54-55; col. 11, lines 4-5, 18-19, 55, and 63-64; col. 12, lines 12-13, and 25-26; and Table 1; U.S. Patent No. 6,552,118 - col. 23, lines 59-63; col. 26, lines 49-53; col. 28, lines 46-50; col.

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29, lines 35-39; col. 30, lines 14-18, and 44-48; col. 31, line 67; col. 32, lines 51-55; and col. 36, lines 40-41; U.S. Patent No. 6,559,265 - col. 27, lines 43-55; col. 28, line 61 to col. 29, line 6; col. 30, lines 9-16; and col. 31, lines 24-31; and U.S. Patent No. 6,818,697 - col. 7, lines 51-56. Therefore, Applicant submits that the claims are definite. Applicant respectfully requests that this rejection be withdrawn.

CONCLUSION

Applicants respectfully submit that the application is now in condition for allowance.

If the Examiner has any questions or comments regarding the present application, he is invited to contact the undersigned attorney at the telephone number indicated below.

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